



# UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
United States Patent and Trademark Office  
Address: COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS  
Washington, D.C. 20230  
www.uspto.gov

| APPLICATION NO. | FILING DATE | FIRST NAMED INVENTOR | ATTORNEY DOCKET NO. | CONFIRMATION NO. |
|-----------------|-------------|----------------------|---------------------|------------------|
| 09/726,796      | 11/30/2000  | J. Eric Lauritzen    | WEAT.0072           | 5691             |

7590 01/28/2003

William B Patterson  
Thomason Moser & Patterson LLP  
Suite 1500  
3040 Post Oak Boulevard  
Houston, TX 77056

EXAMINER

POPOVICS, ROBERT J

| ART UNIT | PAPER NUMBER |
|----------|--------------|
|----------|--------------|

1724

DATE MAILED: 01/28/2003

6 /

Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
Patent and Trademark Office

Address: COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS  
Washington, D.C. 20231

AS

| SERIAL NUMBER | FILING DATE | FIRST NAMED APPLICANT | ATTORNEY DOCKET NO. |
|---------------|-------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
|               |             |                       |                     |

|          |              |
|----------|--------------|
| EXAMINER |              |
|          |              |
| ART UNIT | PAPER NUMBER |
| 9        |              |

DATE MAILED:

Please find below a communication from the EXAMINER in charge of this application.

Commissioner of Patents

The reply filed on November 6, 2002 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because the pages of the dictionary reference said to be supplied have not been supplied. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

**Robert James Popovics**  
**Primary Examiner**  
**Art Unit 1724**

rjp  
January 26, 2003  
09/726,796